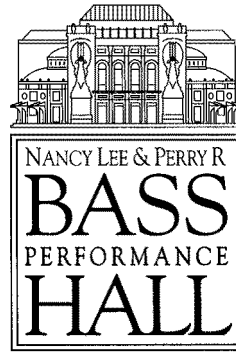




TEXAS MUSIC PROJECT



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**BASS HALL AND TEXAS MUSIC PROJECT HOST “A COMMUNITY MUSIC CELEBRATION”**  
*Two days of special performances and community events benefiting music education in Fort Worth*

*FORT WORTH, Texas, June 2, 2004* – **Bass Performance Hall** and **Texas Music Project** proudly present “**A Community Music Celebration**” on **Monday & Tuesday, June 14 & 15, 2004**. The two-day event will feature an array of spectacular events and performances focusing on the importance of music education. The Celebration will benefit both **The Children’s Education Program of Performing Arts Fort Worth at Bass Performance Hall** and the **Texas Music Project**.

On **Monday, June 14**, “**A Community Music Celebration**” will kick-off by exemplifying the very essence of its purpose. Dr. John Feierabend, Ph.D., one of the leading authorities on music education in early childhood, will lead a music-and-rhymes workshop in the Maddox-Muse Center (across Calhoun Street from Bass Hall) with kindergarten and first-grade students as their teachers observe. The teachers (classroom and music teachers, grades K-4) will meet that afternoon for a Teacher’s Institute taught by Dr. Feierabend, where they will explore teaching methods demonstrated earlier in the day. Dr. Feierabend is the Director of Music at The Hartt School of the University of Hartford and has authored over 60 books, articles, CDs, DVDs and videotapes. He has written two music curricula: *First Steps in Music*, a music and movement program for infants through early elementary aged children, and *Conversational Solfege*, a music literacy method for use in general music classes.

Then, at **7:30 p.m.** on **Monday, June 14**, the “**Great High Mountain Tour**” will take the stage at Bass Hall, presented by Grammy® winning producer, Fort Worth’s own **T Bone Burnett** and featuring numerous artists from the highly successful 2002 “Down From The Mountain Tour” including **Alison Krauss + Union Station with Jerry Douglas, Ralph Stanley**, the **Cox Family**, the **Nashville Bluegrass Band**, **The Whites**, and **Norman and Nancy Blake**. They will be joined by **Dirk Powell, Riley Baugus, Tim Eriksen**, and **Reeltime Travelers** from the Oscar nominated “Cold Mountain” soundtrack, as well as

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“A Community Music Celebration”

**Ollabelle** (a sextet drawing inspiration from nineteenth and early-to-mid-twentieth century rural American music) and **Sierra and Cody Hull**. Sierra is a 12-year-old mandolin wizard who has performed on the “Grand Ole Opry” and PBS’s “All-Star Bluegrass Celebration” and recently released her first independent recording, *Angel Mountain*, with her brother Cody. *Please see the attached release for more information.*

The second day of the Celebration, Tuesday, June 15, will begin with another workshop for teachers led by Dr. Feierabend, focusing on folk dance education.

Capping off the Celebration, Fort Worth Arts Education Partnership hosts a **Community Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15 in Van Cliburn Recital Hall. Featured guest speakers include Dr. Feierabend and T Bone Burnett. The \$25 admission fee will also benefit Fort Worth’s music education programs. For additional information regarding the luncheon, please contact Jennifer Cricchio at (817) 212-4306. Special underwriting of the June 15 luncheon courtesy of The Beck Group and Reata.

“A Community Music Celebration” is sponsored by **Dell** and **XTO Energy**.

**Performing Arts Fort Worth’s Children’s Education Program** delivers the performing arts to tens of thousands of students each year. Students from the Fort Worth Independent School District, as well as from private, parochial and outlying schools, attend special, educational performances by world-renowned performers from all stretches of the performing arts arena at **Bass Performance Hall – completely free of charge**. Age-appropriate and curriculum-related, the program is based on the premise that the arts are vital for a well-rounded education and should play an essential part in every child’s life. For more information please contact Sue Buratto, director of Children’s Education, at (817) 212-4302.

The **Texas Music Project** is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit committed to restoring and strengthening music education in Texas Public schools. In summer 2003, the state legislature took the unusual step of passing a law specifically supporting TMP and its unique approach to public-private partnerships. TMP capitalizes on the popularity of Texas music; the generosity of Texas artists; and state pride to meaningfully communicate the benefits of music education and the related needs of schools through its “Don’t Mess with Texas Music™” education and CD programs. TMP also consults with communities and school districts to build long-term capacity to sustain music/arts education in Texas schools. For more information, please contact Bruce Orr, Co-founder & President, at 214.696.1636

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